**Anaphylaxis Interview Questions**

School Nurse 2014

1. What is your policy with regard to nuts (peanut and tree nuts) in your schools?

* Nut free district? Schools?

*No;; there are no nuts in any classroom and the district doesn’t serve any nuts. Students (and staff) may bring in nut products eaten in cafeteria (or staff lounge)*

* Nut free classroom(s)? “There are no nuts in any classroom which was a slow process. It started with one classroom. They met with the health care provider and he advised that accommodation for a particular student. They set up an allergy aware table in cafeteria. They did and do allow PB and nuts into cafeteria. They send a letter to many parents and it’s on the website. Previously, the letter was sent to all parents. The teachers check incoming snacks. They ask the parents of allergic children to only have child eat snacks parent provides (except fresh fruit, etc.) (Versus snacks other parents provide) and have good compliance with this. We went through the school board to stop all nuts in all classrooms and some didn’t like it at that time. Now it’s no big deal.”
* Nut free table(s) in the lunchroom? Yes
* (And if policy is written, can you send a copy or direct to a copy?) They have letter on website

1. What is your policy with regard to serving nuts/nut products by your school or district food service?

* No use or serve nuts/products by food service? None
* No serve peanut butter by food service? No, use sun butter
* No serve of pre-packaged PB&J sandwiches? No

1. If you have a policy of limiting nuts, how and why was this decision made? Started slow i.e. for one child per 504 in their classroom.
   * How is this limitation enforced? The teachers are good at reading labels and the nurse will call parent if snack had nuts in it to tell that parent the snack won’t be used.
   * What type/amount of training has been needed to enforce the policy?
   * What has been the school nurse role with enforcement?
2. What about actual practices in your district/school(s)/classroom(s)?
   * How common are 504 for food allergic students and what is school nurse involvement in those 504’s? Most have 504’s, some not if parents don’t want
3. What has been the impact of policy?

* On gluten-free students
* On vegetarian students
* On F&R meal students
* No impact that she knows of because they use sun butter

1. What alternatives to peanut butter has your district/school implemented? Sun butter
2. What feedback have you received regarding this issue?

* From students?
* From parents/families?
* From community members/groups?
* More pro feedback then negative. Most people understand, it’s a norm.

1. Has this reduced the number of allergic reactions in school? Is your answer backed by statistics or is it anecdotal? Anecdotally she feels it has reduced reactions but have had kids who shared in cafeteria then had reaction.
2. What do you think has gone well with implementing your policy and what would you like to have changed with implementation if you had that ability? No, did very slowly, one classroom, then many classrooms, then one building, then campus. She recommends to change slowly.